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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN JOURNALISTS INTERVIEW

"SANDANISTAS" IN CUBA

1. VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS TODAY (JANUARY 15) CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR COSTA RICAN JOURNALISTS GIVEN IN HAVANA BY THE SANDANISTA GUERILLAS INVOLVED IN THE RECENT MANAGUA KIDNAPPING. THE JOURNALISTS WERE ACCOMPANYING A LARGE GROUP OF COSTA RICAN DEPUTIES ON A TRIP TO CUBA.

2. THE PRESS REPORTS ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS OF MASKED PERSONS, ALLEGED TO BE THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MANAGUA EPISODE, REPORTED THE REMARKS OF A SANDINISTA LEADER CALLED ONLY "MARCOS." AMONG THE POINTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY MARCOS WERE THAT CARLOS FONSECA AMADOR IS ALIVE AND THAT THE SANINISTA OF COSTA RICAN NATIONALITY, CARLOS AGUERO ECHEVERRIA, AND ANOTHER REFERRED TO AS THE SON OF NAGO HERNANDEZ, ARE WELL. MARCOS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT PRESIDENT SOMOZA WAS LUCKY NOT TO HAVE COME TO THE PARTY HOSTED BY JOSE MARIA CASTILLO

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BECAUSE HAD HE BEEN THERE "WE WOULD HAVE SETTLED ACCOUNTS

WITH HIM." MARCOS REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT "WE WOULD HAVE
DONE THE SAME WITH TURNER SHELTON, THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR IN MANAGUA, HAD HE NOT FORTUITOUSLY LEFT
THE PARTY EARLY. MARCOS REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT THEY
KILLED CASTILLO BECAUSE HE WAS "A TYPICAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TECHNOCRATIC CLASS..." THE SANDINISTA
SPOKESMAN APPARENTLY WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT ALLEGED
REPRESSION IN NICARAGUA BY SOMOZA AND ILLUSTRATED HIS
REMARKS WITH SOME EXAMPLES OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BEHAVIOR.
MARCOS REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED THAT SOMOZA PAID \$1 MILLION
TO THE GUERRILLAS AND THAT THIS MONEY WOULD BE ENTIRELY
DESTINED FOR THE "INVASION THAT WILL BE MADE SOON."
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